



Indiana Office of Energy Development

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Applications Open for Indiana Community Energy Grants

INDIANAPOLIS (September 9, 2019) — The Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) announced today that the **Community Energy Challenge Grant Program** is accepting applications until October 11, 2019. The program is designed to be a competitive opportunity to enhance community and municipal resilience with a focus on energy infrastructure.

"It is important for Indiana's communities to be resilient, to prepare for and rapidly respond to any type of incident or emergency. Reliable and efficient energy plays a critical role to the success of this objective for everyone, but especially our cities/towns, schools and public safety entities," said Jennifer Richardson, Director of Energy Security, Renewables & Resilience at OED. "We are very excited to use this funding opportunity to continue supporting preparedness and resilience across Indiana."

Projects that support infrastructure improvements and demonstrate enhanced resiliency on existing or new construction are eligible to apply. In addition, projects may also support efficient HVAC systems, control components, windows/doors or insulation. Projects must evaluate all energy sources and technologies including traditional energy resources as well as renewables including natural gas, propane, steam, fuel oil, solar voltaics (Solar PV), geothermal (ground and air-source heat pumps), biomass and battery storage.

Interested parties, who meet established eligibility requirements, must submit an application and all supporting documentation to apply. For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/oed/2530.htm>.

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About the Indiana Office of Energy Development

The Indiana Office of Energy Development (OED) was established to shepherd the state's energy plan. OED focuses on the development and implementation of comprehensive planning for the state that utilizes all of Indiana's energy resources and supports a strong, dynamic and growing economy. OED coordinates state energy policy with executive branch agencies, houses energy-related programs and works to support a strong, comprehensive, coordinated energy plan for Indiana. The office also administers grant programs funded by the U.S. Department of Energy. These grants promote the use of alternative power and fuels, energy efficiency and public education on energy issues in Indiana.